

For a time, it was about this same time that H. S. Rucker a practicing attorney of this county was given permission by the court to erect a law office on the court house lot.

In 1890 the late N. C. McNeill was admitted to the bar in Pocahontas County, after practicing some few years as a servant of the people he was elected State Senator in 1898 and served in that capacity one term, after retiring from politics he had a good practice in the town of Marlinton until about 1927 when he was compelled to retire on account of ill health.

In 1890 R. B. Kerr was chosen superintendent of the Staunton And Parkersburg Turnpike from the Virginia line to the Randolph County line, toll gates being erected at various places along this road the tolls so collected to go for the upkeep of this road. It was in 1888 that the court appointed a commission to view a way for a road from the mouth of Swago Creek across the Buckley Mountain to intersect with the Beaver Creek at Ferrys' mill. It was about this time that a way was viewed for a road leading to White Sulphur Springs starting at Burr Valley.

In 1889 M. G. Mathews was elected County Superintendent of Schools also a commissioner of schools from each district which were composed of the following names for Huntersville District R. P. M. Harper, Fray District H.

ary Barlow, Levels Wm. H. Overholt and for Greenbank District J. F. Patterson at the same time the county voted on the length of school term we were to have for 4 months 52 votes, for the 6 month term 50 votes so you can readily see that our people of the 80s were for a short efficient term of school thereby reducing the cost of labor by using their children.

About 1890 John E. Campbell editor of The Pocahontas Times received \$ 45.00 for all county printing for the period of one year. In 1890 J. H. Patterson was elected clerk of the Circuit Court the late S. L. Brown serving as County Clerk.

No doubt our wildlife protection started about 1890 when the late John T. McGraw and the West Virginia And Pittsburgh Railroad Company asked that Williams River and all its' tributaries be set aside as a bird and game refuge, this is one of Pocahontas Countys' finest and best hunting grounds, since that time the timber has been cut and a greater part of this wooded section is in our National Forest and is known far and near as the sportsmens paradise.

From 1870 up to 1900 we found many private homes serving the traveling public as Hotels these being on the main highways from one end of the county to the other and one of these hotels happened to be licensed 1895 and by the way this one in particular means much to this writer as

this license was issued to the late Joseph S. Smith residing midway between Hillsboro and Marlinton on Smith Hill, this hotel had a wide patronage and served the traveling public that traveled by horse and buggy, this hotel was operated for a number of years and was known by the traveling public as a home of hospitality and prayer.

It was in 1891 that the question arose about the removal of the county seat from Huntersville to the historic spot known in the days of the pioneer as Marlin Bottom and later named Marlinton, this action was started by a petition signed by 697 qualified voters, the present site of the Court House was placed on the lands of the late Andrew McLaughlin farm but owned in 1891 by John T. McGraw and sold to the county by the Pocahontas County Development Company, this era was known as the boom of what once was Marline Bottom, and by this doing the Chesapeake And Ohio Railroad was induced to penetrate our county up the Greenbrier from Ronceverte to Darbin. Before action was taken it was voted on by the citizens of the county, the voting places designated throughout the county were as follows, and the ones holding these elections also, Academy (now Hillsboro) W.W Beard, Johnny B. Kinnison and George S. McNeel. Split Rock R. S. Varner, James Herold and F. P. Vandevort.

Travelers Repose, O. W. Gum, A. M. V. Arbogast, and J. L. Arbogast.

Greenbank- Adam Arbogast, J.S Wooddell, and C.A Lightner.

Dunmore-- J.K Taylor, B.F McElwee and G.W Arbogast.

Frost--Andrew Herold, I.B Moore and C.O.W Sharp.

Huntersville--Sheldon Moore, D.A Fisher and W. L Harper.

Edray--A.T Moore, Henry Barlow and William Sharp.

Buckeye-R. E Overholt, W.H McClintic and William C McNeill. These men held an election and the results of this election caused Pocahontas County to develop into one of West Virginiasg greatest industrial counties, all because of our public spirited future thinking citizens, for if the county seat had not been changed making an industrial center no doubt we would not have enjoyed the Rail Road for years to come, but right after the county seat was moved and Marlinton began to build up along came the R.R furnishing us communication with the outside world and furnishing us an outlet for our many products but mainly lumber, this era was an industrial and expansive one.

INFORMATION-County Records. Court House. Marlinton. W.Va.